

[Mr. F. E. James] [2nd November 1931]

or anybody else—this situation has arisen in regard to one of the most important industries in this Presidency. That ought to be remedied as soon as possible. This resolution suggests the effective means of remedying such a situation, and I hope the House will accept it.”

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—“Further discussion on this resolution will be resumed after lunch.”

IV.—THE TIRUMALAI-TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS BILL—APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—“I nominate Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalingam Chettiyar as the Chairman of the Select Committee regarding the Tirumalai-Tirupati Devasthanams Bill.”

The House then adjourned for lunch.

After Lunch (2-30 p.m.)

III.—RESOLUTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST—cont.

(2) COMMITTEE TO ENQUIRE INTO MOTOR VEHICLES TAXATION—cont.

Mr. M. A. MUTHIAH CHETTIYAR:—“I beg to move—

‘that in clause (b) for the words “before February the 1st 1932” the words “before the end of the financial year 1931-32, if possible” be substituted.’

“Sir, my object in moving the amendment is this. I do not want to fetter the hands of the Committee or the Government and ask them to submit their report before 1st February 1932. It may not be possible for them to finish their work before that time which is very short. The object of the Mover of the resolution is that adjustments should be made only in the next financial year. I think it is quite sufficient if we have the report before the end of this financial year. By chance even that may not be possible and that is why I have added the words, ‘if possible’ at the end of my amendment. Anyhow I hope that the Committee to be appointed will be able to deliver their report before the end of this financial year.”

Mr. D. V. NARASIMHASWAMI:—“I second it.”

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—“The resolution as well as the amendment are for the consideration of the House.”

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—“Sir, I move that the words ‘if possible’ be omitted from the amendment of my Friend, Mr. Muthiah Chettiyar. Is it the object of the Mover of the amendment to shelve this question? If he was really serious about it, he would have tried to see that the report was made ready before the end of the financial year, so that we may consider the question and make suitable arrangements for the next. The House will remember that when the Bill was under consideration some of us were hypnotized into the belief that it would usher in a millennium and that the moment it was passed and tolls were abolished motorists could easily move from one end of the Presidency to another without any let or hindrance.”

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—“I take it that the hon. Member is speaking on the main resolution also.”